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RESULTS OF THE LABOR LAW

Three years have passed since the Labor Law was put into effect, and the following are some of the results to date:

1. The 8-hour work-day law has been accepted universally in North Korea, and now 88.5 percent of the workers are benefited under this system; 10.1 percent of the workers, who are miners, work 7 hours; and 1.4 percent of the workers, who are child laborers, work 6 hours.
2. Under this law, both male and female workers are paid on the same pay scale. Wages in March 1948 compared with October 1946 increased by 112.68 percent, and 135.9 percent in January 1949.
3. There are 17 state-managed resorts in North Korea today. During 1948 alone more than 39,000 workers enjoyed vacations with all expenses paid. Also, all office workers get 2 weeks vacation with pay each year.
4. There is no illiteracy in the northern half of the People's Republic. Today there are 18,617 workers who are receiving technical training in 335 training centers in the North, and more than 500 workers already have become qualified as technicians.
5. Recreation facilities for the workers have increased considerably during the past 3 years. For example, there are now 223 workers' clubs and theaters, 7,907 democratic propaganda centers, and 3,707 libraries. Cultural facilities such as theatres, music halls, dance halls, lecture rooms, etc, are provided for all factory workers and miners; 4,380 such recreational centers serve 65,643 workers day and night.
6. Staff workers, in addition to their regular duties, are responsible for the smooth operation of all recreational facilities. The staff workers find their recreation in soccer, baseball, basketball, field sports, close-order drill, group indoctrination activities, etc.

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